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**Reduction in Foreign Broadcast Monitoring**

1. On the basis of ORE memorandum 16 March 1949, subject as above, FBIB will undertake the following measures to improve monitoring coverage of the western zones of Germany and Austria.

a. Try to bring about suspension of BBC plans for reduction of German-language monitoring which are now scheduled to become effective during July 1949.

b. Intercept sample American press dispatches in Morse code and radioteletype from western Germany and Austria. Because of copyright considerations, American press intercepted will not be reproduced in FBIB publications, but will be delivered to ORE unedited and by hand.

c. Explore, if other measures fail, the possibility of establishing an office in the U.S. zone of Germany or Austria, or both, to provide a cable file of broadcast and press material.

2. It is requested, with reference to paragraph 1 b above, that Western European Branch ORE provide FBIB through operational liaison channels continuing comment upon the value of American press dispatches as a possible substitute for German-language voice intercepts.

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